

Lit Brothers Store
701-39 Market Street, composing block
bounded by Seventh, Market, Eighth and
Filbert Streets
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE PENNSYLVANIA | COUNTY PHILADELPHIA | TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) LIT BROTHERS STORE | | HABS NO. PA-1438 |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 701-39 Market St., composing block bounded by Seventh, Market, Eighth and Filbert Sts. | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) See attached sheet | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Outstanding example of the architectural and business evolution of a major department store (now defunct). | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) See attached sheet | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approx. 400' (fifty-bay front) X 350'; five, six and seven stories. | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Front facades exhibit typical late 19th century commercial architecture. The three front corners have semi-hexagonal bays. Flat roofs. See also accompanying HABS photographs, for a visual observation. | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH NOTES Interior of Nos. 715-21 Market St. altered. Many other interior remodelings also undertaken over the years. | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE As of April, 1984, plans call for the retention of the facades (with the same roof height to a depth of 80 ft.), and a taller structure will rise in the middle of the block. | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976. | | |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION Susan McCown, editor. Historic American Buildings Survey | DATE April 24, 1984 | |

DATES OF CONSTRUCTION (continued from page 1):

No. 711 Market built for J.M. Maris and Co. 1859
No. 715-17 Market built for J.B. Lippincott and Co. 1861
Nos. 723-25 Market built ca. 1865
No. 709 Market built ca. 1870
No. 713 Market built 1872
Nos. 719-21 Market built for Joel J. Bailey and Co. 1873
Nos. 737-39 Market built 1893
Nos. 727-735 Market and 7-13 N. Eighth built 1895-96
Nos. 15-21 N. Eighth built 1900
Nos. 701-07 Market built 1907
Bridge at 720 Filbert St. built 1912
Nos. 10-34 N. Seventh St. built 1917-18

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (continued from page 1):

Nos. 701-07 and 723-39 Market: Brick end pavilions with terra cotta and
galvanized iron trim
Center of block: Brick with painted granite and marble ashlar fronts
Nos. 10-34 N. Seventh: Reinforced concrete and buff brick